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1. AD DUSTOUR APRIL 5 PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BY IBRAHIM BAKER, PRESIDENT OF THE JORDANIAN LAWYERS' SYNDICATE AND MEMBER OF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL IN WHICH HE RAISES DOUBT ABOUT CARTER'S ETHICS IN POLITICS AND HIS ROLE AS THE CHAMPION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT." COMMENTING ON THE CLINTON, MASS. ADDRESS THE WRITER SAYS THAT "THIS ADDRESS IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT AND DANGEROUS STATEMENT ON THE PALESTINIAN SUBJECT WHERE CARTER SETS DOWN THE RULES THROUGH WHICH PEACE COULD BE CHIEVED IN THE M.E."

AFTER ENUMERATING THE CONDITIONS FOR PEACE, RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AND HOMELAND OF THE PALESTINIANS AS INCLUDED IN THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS THE WRITER DISCUSSES EACH POINT AS SHOULD "BE UNDERSTOOD." H
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SAYS:

2. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT CARTER "THERE IS NO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BUT PALESTINIAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE NO RIGHT TO LIBERATE THEIR HOMELAND BUT MUST BE SETTLED IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES.
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3. "ISRAEL IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT IN THE WHOLE OF PALESTINE AND THAT THERE MUST BE A WIDE RANGE OF COEXISTANCE BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND ARAB PEOPLE BEFORE ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM SOME AREAS AGREED UPON THROUGH INEGOTIATIONS.

4. "CARTER'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM FITS SQUARELY WITH ALLON'S

PLAN."

5. ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THOSE THAT HE CALLED THE "OPTIMISTS" IN THE ARAB WORLD WHO "UNDERSTOOD CARTER AS BEING THE ADVOCATE FOR A PALESTINIAN HOME IN PALESTINE" AND TO THOSE WHO "ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CARTER'S CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ON JORDANIAN TERRITORY" BAKER CLAMS DOWN THEIR DREAMS AND FEARS AND SAYS "CARTER DID NOT BRING ANYTHING NEW. HIS CALL IS AN ECHO OF THE JOHNSTON PLAN.... CARTER'S CALL IS JUST A BLESSING TO THE OCCUPIER AND A STRESS AND EMPHASIS ON THE REFUGEE STATUS."

6. BAKER AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS ARTICLE ADDRESSES HIMSELF TO THE PRESIDENT AND SAYS "THERE IS ONE FACT THAT PRESIDENT AND SAYS" THERE IS ONE FACT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS NOT AWARE OF AND WHICH IS THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WILL NOT BE UPROOTED FROM PALESTINE IN THE THIRTY YEARS OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE....NOT EVEN IN FIFTY YEARS WHICH IS THE ESTIMATED TIME FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST EVIL."

7. THE WRITER QUESTIONS BY WHAT "CRITERIA DOES THE HUMAN RIGHTS THEORY APPLY ON THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE? OR ARE THERE DOUBLE STANDARDS WHEN ISRAELIS ARE CONCERNED?... THIS COUNTRY THAT FURNISHES SUPPORT TO THE WHITE MINORITY RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE STAMPED UPON."

8. AS-SHA'AB EDITORIALY CALLS ON THE ARABS "TO LOOK FOR AN ALTERNATIVE
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IN CASE THE ARAB/AMERICAN ENCOUNTER OR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FAILS". THE PAPER ADDS THAT "AMERICA CAN DO MUCH SINCE IT IS THE COUNTRY THAT HOLDS MOST OF THE STRINGS....BUT AMERICA WILL NOT PRESSURE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW BY HER OWN WILL BUT THROUGH ARAB BARGAINING WITH AMERICA'S OIL INTERESTS IN THE ARAB WORLD."

9. THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY CALLING ON THE ARABS TO COORDINATE AMONG THEMSELVES A PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE FUTURE."
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